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1. MELCHITE PATRIARCH MAXIMOS V HAKIM ARRIVED IN ROME AUGUST 27 TO DISCUSS IMPRISONMENT OF ARCHBISHOP CAPUCCI WITH VATICAN AUTHORITIES. PATRIARCH MET SAME AFTERNOON WITH CARDINAL PAUL PHILIPPE, HEAD OF CONGREGATION OF ORIENTAL CHURCHES, AND MORNING AUGUST 28 WITH VATICAN "FOREIGN MINISTER/ ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI. NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER PATRIARCH'S DESIRE TO SEE POPE PAUL WILL MATERIALIZE.

2. ON HIS ARRIVAL PATRIARCH TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT UP TO THIS MEMENT THERE HAD BEEN NO CERTAIN PROOFS OF WHAT THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ATTRIBUTED TO MSGR. CAPUCCI. MAXIMOS V SAID "IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW WITH PRECISION THE FACTS AND,
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ABOVE ALL, THOSE CONCERNING THE INSPECTION OF THE BISHOP'S CAR

AND HIS BAGGAGE. PERSONALLY, I DO NOT HAVE A PRECISE IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENED." HE OBSERVED THAT "THE POSSIBILITY COULD EXIST THAT MSGR. CAPUCCI HAD HAD CONTRACTS WITH THOSE PERSONS WHO IN ISRAEL ARE CALLED TERRORISTS BUT IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES ARE DEFINED AS FEDAYEEN. I AM SPEAKING OF THOSE MEN WHO OFFER THEIR LIVES FOR THE FREEDOM OF THEIR OWN NATION. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE BISHOP ACTED IN PERFECT HARMONY WITH HIS PRINCIPLES. HE THOUGHT IT WAS HIS REAL DUTY TO AID THE FEDAYEEN. HISTORY SHOWS US THAT DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION OF GERMANY NUMEROUS BISHOPS PERFORMED A GREAT MANY ILLEGAL ACTS TO AID THE JEWS. TODAY I DO NOT SEE WHY WE MUST CONDEMN A MAN, OR EVEN A BISHOP, ONLY BECAUSE HE TRIES TO HELP THE ARABS." VOLPE

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